

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b. These sheets replace the original sheets. Each of Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b is labeled as --PRIOR ART--. Applicant attaches herewith a full set of formal drawings.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (13 sheets)

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Objection

The Examiner indicates that Figs. 1a-2b should be labeled as prior art.

In response, Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b have been labeled as -- PRIOR ART --. A full set of new formal drawings including amended Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b have been enclosed herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 2 is amended in independent form. Claims 5, 8 and 11 are also amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 2, 5 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as lacking antecedent basis for the terms “the first and the second sleeves...” (claim 2), “the first and second holes...” (claim 5) and “the first and the second bar...” (claim 11).

Each of claims 2, 5 and 11 is amended as shown above addressing the antecedent basis.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2, 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

In paragraph four (4), claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10243065 to Toshida ("Toshida").

The Examiner indicates among other things that Toshida discloses slide module (42) that combines the housings (31, 21).

Applicant notes that the element 42 of Toshida is merely a "guide" through which the cover 31 travels.

Nonetheless, claim 1 has been cancelled rendering the rejection directed to this claim moot.

In paragraph five (5), claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,370,362 to Hansen ("Hansen").

As indicated above, claim 2 has been amended in independent form and includes the elements of claim 1. One of the aspects of the present invention as featured in amended claim 2 is directed to a slide type mobile phone having an upper housing and a lower housing. In particular, the slide type mobile phone includes "at least one slide module" which includes "a sliding member", "a support plate", and "a guide plate" which supports the sliding member together with the support plate and has a guide hole formed therein to guide sliding of the sliding member. Additionally, the sliding member further comprises first and second sleeves for combining itself with the lower housing, and enables the upper and lower housing to slide.

The Examiner appears to equate the metal slide frame (6) of Hansen to the "slide module" of the present invention.

First of all, Applicant note that the metal slide frame (6) of Hansen does not include the two holes (84) and the guiding profile (74) to form a module as recited in claim 2 as amended. Secondly, even if the traveller is considered as the slide module of the present invention, it does not combine itself with the lower housing (i.e., the front cover (2)) as required by amended claim 2. Additionally, the traveller, asserted by the Examiner to be equivalent to the support plate, is not fixed to the upper housing (i.e., the metal slide frame (6)). As a result, there is nothing in Hansen that teaches the sliding module of the present invention.

Accordingly, claim 2 as amended is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Hansen for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

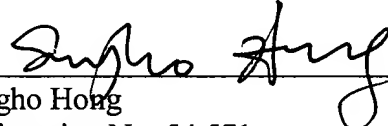
No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 4251-4000). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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